Production of pig iron since the electric iron furnaces came into operation.

Q.—384. Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Channagiri).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) what is the total output of pig iron produced since the electric iron furnaces came into operation ;

(*b*) how much of the pig iron is being converted into steel ;

(*c*) what is the stock of pig iron that has been accumulated ;

(*d*) whether the pig iron is being disposed of at a profit ;

(*e*) if not, what steps do the works propose to take ?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(*a*) In the Electric Pig Iron Furnace (*i.e.* from October 1953 to end of August 1954) ... 45,384 tons.

In the Blast Furnace during 1952-53 and 1953-54 to end of August 1954 ... 62,208 tons

(*b*) 11,341 tons of Pig iron produced in the Electric Pig Iron Furnace have been used for conversion into steel, and manufacture of castings and 3,037 tons have been sold to consumers.

44,713 tons of pig iron produced in the Blast Furnace have been used for conversion into steel and manufacture of castings and 12,836 tons have been sold to consumers.

(*c*) Electric Pig Iron as at the end of August 1954 ... 28,006 tons.

Blast Furnace Pig Iron as at end of August 1954 ... 14,639 tons

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*d*).

Total estimated cost of Vidhana Soudha.

Q.—385. Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Channagiri) —

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) what is the total esitmated cost of Vidhana Soudha ;

(*b*) what is the total outlay incurred so far ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) About Rs. 67 lakhs.

(*b*) Rs. 30,02,334 to end of September 1954.

Construction of Primary School buildings in Bellary District.

Q.—386. Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Channagiri).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has been brought to their notice that the construction of village elementary school buildings in Bellary District, for which the public have donated and deposited their share to the credit of the District Board, has been delayed for a number of years ;

(*b*) whether the Government will take action to expedite the construction of such school buildings ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Extent of sandalwood and teak plantation.

Q.—387. Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Channagiri).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the extent of sandalwood tree plantation and teak plantation in the State ;

(*b*) if any proposals to increase the extent and measures are adopted for improved and increased yield of sandalwood oil and teakwood ?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) There are no Sandalwood plantations as such.

Teak Plantations...Extent 5,443 acres.

(*b*) Raising of Teakwood Plantation over extensive scale being a regular feature of the Forest Department, the extent of Teakwood Plantation is increased from year to year.